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**MARCOS DEVERS NAMED TO HEAD DEPARTMENT OF  
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN LAWRENCE**

BOSTON – August 6, 2007 – Commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents Paul V. Buckley, Jr. today announced the appointment of Marcos Devers to head the agency's Lawrence Regional Office. Devers, who starts today, replaces Acting Regional Manager Marc Joyce.

"I am proud to announce Marcos Devers as the new Lawrence Regional Manager for the Department of Industrial Accidents," said Buckley. "He brings a unique and impressive combination of technical knowledge, entrepreneurial experience, managerial skill, and commitment to public service to this important position."

As Regional Manager, Devers will oversee over a dozen judges, arbitrators, vocational rehabilitation experts and staff. He will also administer the Frank S. Janas Training Center, which provides workplace safety training to businesses, labor organizations, trade groups, and educational institutions.

One of the Department's four Regional Offices statewide, the Lawrence office is responsible for the Merrimack Valley and the North Shore. In the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, the Lawrence Regional office processed nearly 2,000 workers' compensation cases.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the people of the entire Commonwealth in this new role," said Devers. "As a civil engineer and entrepreneur, I know just how well our workers' compensation system protects workers and employers. I look forward to ensuring northeastern Massachusetts a safer and more prosperous place to work."

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Devers, a native of the Dominican Republic and a civil engineer by trade, has made his home in Massachusetts for twenty years. He has a long record of public service as an educator, manager and elected official.

First elected to the Lawrence City Council in 1999, Devers became the first Dominican mayor of an American city in 2001. He went on to serve as City Council President from 2002 to 2004, before stepping down from the City Council last year.

Devers has taught math and science at Lawrence High School and Greater Lawrence Technical School for over fifteen years. He has also been President of MDJ, Incorporated, an engineering and construction company, for two decades.

A graduate of the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Devers also studied in Japan and Italy, as well as Massachusetts. He lives in Lawrence with his wife Victoria.

The Department of Industrial Accidents is one of five agencies within the Department of Labor, which is part of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. For more information on the Department of Industrial Accidents and the Lawrence Regional Office, please visit [www.mass.gov/dia](http://www.mass.gov/dia).

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